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SUBJ: DEPUTY MINISTERS APPOINTED

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1. TWENTY-SIX DEPUTY MINISTERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED BY PRIME MINISTER J.R. JAYEWARDENE. THEY ARE:

DEFENCE - T.B. WERAPITIYA

FOREIGN AFFAIRS - RANIL WICKREMASINGHE

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS - M.H.M. NAINA MARIKAR

PLAN IMPLEMENTATION - D.B. WELAGEDERA

IRRIGATION, POWER AND HIGHWAYS - A.M.S. ADIKARI

TRADE - M.S. AMARASIRI

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND HOME AFFAIRS - PERCY SAMARAWEEERA

SHIPPING, AVIATION AND TOURISM - C. NANDA MATHEW

EDUCATION - LIONEL JAYATILLEKE

JUSTICE - SHELTON RANARAJAH

FINANCE - FESTUS PERERA

LABOUR - JOSEPH MICHAEL

INDUSTRIES AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS: DENZIL FERNANDO

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION - P.C. IMBULANA

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CULTURAL AFFAIRS - W.M.G.T. BANDA

FISHERIES - SUNIL ABEYSUNDERA

HEALTH - D. ATTYGALLE

INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING - CHANDRA KARUNARATNE

PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SPORT - EDWIN TILLEKERATNE

TRANSPORT - H. KULARATNE

AGRICULTURE AND LANDS - M.A. ABDUL MAJEED

SOCIAL SERVICES - J.L. SIRISENA
POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS - A. PILAPITIYA
FOOD AND COOPERATIVES - S. RAJAKARUNA
PLANTATION INDUSTRIES - ALICK ALUWIHARE
TEXTILE INDUSTRIES - R.A. DHARMADASA BANDA

2. IN THE CABINET LIST SUBMITTED REFTEL, ADD TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S PORTFOLIOS THOSE OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, AND PLAN IMPLEMENTATION. MINISTRY OF WEAVING, REPORTED REFTEL, IS MORE FORMALLY KNOWN AS MINISTRY OF TEXTILE INDUSTRIES.

3. DURING THE CAMPAIGN, JAYEWARDENE OFTEN REFERRED TO HIS INTENTION TO APPOINT 22 "DISTRICT MINISTERS" WHO WOULD OVERSEE DEVELOPMENT IN EACH DISTRICT UNDER A DECENTRALIZED ADMINISTRATION. IT APPEARS THAT THE APPOINTMENT OF THESE MINISTERS WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER THE PASSAGE OF A NEW CONSTITUTION, WHICH WILL PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MINISTERS WHO ARE NOT IN THE CABINET. (THE DRAFTING AND PASSAGE OF A NEW CONSTITUTION WILL BE ONE OF THE FIRST ORDERS OF BUSINESS OF THE NEW NATIONAL STATE ASSEMBLY, WHICH IT IS NOW THOUGHT WILL BE CONVENED ON AUGUST 4.)

4. IT IS APPARENTLY JAYEWARDENE'S INTENTION TO REARRANGE SOME PORTFOLIOS AND POSSIBLY RESHUFFLE SOME OF THE MINISTERS ONCE HIS ADMINISTRATION IS UNDERWAY. THE STRUCTURE OF THE MINISTRIES UNDER THE BANDARANAIKE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY MAIN-
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TAINED TO EASE THE TRANSITION.

5. WITH CHARACTERISTIC CONSIDERATION FOR BUDDHIST SENSIBILITIES, THE FIRST OFFICIAL ACT OF THE CABINET, MEETING ON JULY 23, WAS TO VOTE THE RESTORATION TO THE TEMPLE OF THE TOOTH IN KANDY OF AN ADJOINING SQUARE WHICH HAD BEEN TAKEN AWAY FROM IT BY THE BANDARANAIKE GOVERNMENT, FOLLOWING A POLITICAL/RELIGIOUS CEREMONY ATTENDED BY J.R. THE TURNBACK WILL TAKE PLACE IN KANDY JULY 25. J.R. WILL THEN BE BACK IN KANDY JULY 27 AND 28 FOR FURTHER CEREMONIES AT THE TEMPLE, INCLUDING A SPECIAL EXHIBITION OF THE SACRED TOOTH AND J.R.'S FIRST SUBSTANTIVE ADDRESS TO THE NATION AT 3 P.M. JULY 28 FROM THE TEMPLE'S OCTAGON, FROM WHICH THE KANDY KINGS FORMERLY OPENED THE PEARAHERA SEASON AND THE REPUBLIC WAS PROCLAIMED BY MRS. BANDARANAIKE'S GOVERNMENT IN 1972.
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